

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re **NATIONAL PHASE** Application of)
Martin CALDWELL et al) Attn: US/DO/EO
International Application No. PCT/IE00/00093)
International Filing Date: July 28, 2000)
For: A SURGICAL DEVICE) Date: January 29, 2002

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please preliminarily amend the subject application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please note, the amended claims are presented below in their amended form. Further, as an Attachment to the Amendment the amendments to the claims are outlined using the conventional method of bracketing and underlining.

PLEASE AMEND THE FOLLOWING CLAIMS 5, 6, 9, 10, 13, 17, 19 and 22-25 from the Amended Preliminary Examination Report Claims)

5. (AMENDED) A surgical device (1) as claimed in claim 1, wherein the trocar (5) incorporates guard means for preventing injury to the surgeon.

6. (AMENDED) A surgical device (1) as claimed in claim 1, wherein the cannula (6) incorporates means (15) for releaseably attaching the cannula to an interior (3) of the body cavity.